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SUBJ: COPEI LABOR LEADER CONDEMNS PRESENCE OF MILGP

1. FOR FIRST TIME IN EMBASSY RECOLLECTION A COPEI FIGURE HAS PUBLICLY CONDEMNED PRESENCE OF MILGP IN VENEZUELA. GRIEVANCE SECRETARY OF METALWORKERS FEDERATION, FETRAMETAL, ANDRES MERCAU, IN A CAMPAIGN SPEECH IN PUERTO ORDAZ OCTOBER 10 SAID "THE PRESENCE OF A MILITARY MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES IN VENEZUELA IS A PRODUCT OF OUR UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND A STIGMA ON THE DIGNITY OF THE PEOPLE WHO IN THEIR SOVEREIGNTY SHOULD DEMAND BEFORE THE ELECTIONS THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COUNTRY OF THOSE MILITARY FORCES." HE ALSO CONDEMNED US FOR FAILURE OF GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY AND "SACKING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES".

2. MERCAU IDENTIFIES WITH LATIN AMERICAN CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CLAT) AND HIS STATEMENTS ARE TYPICAL OF CLAT'S ANTI-U.S. POSITION. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT MERCAU DOES NOT SPEAK FOR CALDERA OR COPEI LEADERSHIP BUT SPEECH IS WORTH REPORTING AS IT IS THE FIRST TIME A PERSONALITY OF ONE OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES HAS LAUNCHED ROUND-HOUSE SWING AT MILGP. MERCAU'S ATTACK WILL NOT BE A CAUSE FOR SERIOUS CONCERN UNLESS THEME IS REPEATED BY OTHER, MORE RESPONSIBLE COPEI LEADERS. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PUBLIC REACTION WHEN LEFTIST

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PARTIES HAVE MADE ANTI-MILGP NOISES IN THE PAST.

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